

I think our principles, I think our values, I think our priorities sometimes become somewhat disordered. A bill like this, if it does nothing else, can at least cause us to reawaken those embers of compassion that may be about to be extinguished from the way we deal down here all the time. When you have people tugging at your coat, putting an arm around your shoulder, taking you to eat and to drink, making you deal with very large issues and telling you what they will do to you if you don't come their way can tend to harden and callous your sensitivities. When a helpless group which is not organized...

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SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Chambers, you have one minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...which does not have a strong lobbyist comes with a very legitimate request and a need, then because they don't come in the way we are accustomed to being approached sometimes we don't take them seriously. I think this is a very serious situation. I believe the \$31,000 is not unreasonable and I am opposed to Senator Haberman's motion to kill this bill.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Could hardly wait to get back. I am going to have to support Senator Haberman but for an entirely different proposition. Certainly it is fine to be charitable and helpful and all of these other things, but right now this country has destroyed my children's future while helping people today. We have accrued not only direct debt but indirect debt, and for the life of me, I don't know how my children are going to bear up under the cost of their government along with the cost of our government which we are foisting off on them now. We have before us another one of those federally initiated programs that they, in their wisdom, saw fit to create, but after observing it, felt apparently that it was not worth the financial effort so they dropped it, and where did they drop it? Well, they dropped it where they drop most of the programs, right in the lap of this Legislature so that we, not they, can be the villains in this tax proposition. I don't believe that there is any way in the world to anticipate what the true costs are. Last year we had a bill to help the preschool handicapped children, another federal program that started out to educate the parents so that they might better serve their own children. There again, the program was not worth the financial effort